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1. Sixteen rocket launchers and 12 trucks towing 85 mm AA guns moved out of the Friedrich August Kaserne in Leisnig on the morning of 17 February. At the same time armored vehicles from the Busche Kaserne left toward Gorschmitz. The troops allegedly went to the Thuemnitz Forest in the Leipnitz area. On 18 February, 12 armored reconnaissance cars, 13 motorcycles and six motorcycles with sidecars left the Busche Kaserne and proceeded to the Thuemnitz Forest. The troops allegedly proceeded toward Wermsdorf in the afternoon of 18 February. The troops returned again to the barracks installations in Leisnig during the afternoon and night of 20 February. Two trains were observed at the Riesa railroad station on 21 February. Sixteen field howitzers were observed on one train and six T-44 and 18 JS tanks on the other.¹
2. On 20 and 21 February, two troop trains carrying elements of the 6th Guards AAA Division were unloaded at the Chemnitz railroad station.
3. Traffic involving vehicles of the 9th Mechanized Division was repeatedly observed on the Cottbus - Berlin Autobahn on 25 February. Ten JS-3 tanks entered the

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Autobahn at Haehnchen and proceeded toward Cottbus. Motor vehicle columns without lights proceeded toward Berlin, coming from Vetschau. Guides were posted at the entrance to the Autobahn near Vetschau and at the exit near Duben. A column of 75 trucks loaded with soldiers carrying field equipment was observed proceeding southeast between Freiwalde and Duben about midnight. Another motor vehicle column was observed on the Cottbus - Vetschau road.²

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a troop train



left Dallgow - Doeberitz for Forst Zinna on 27 February. Another troop train



left Jueterbog for Rathenow on 28 February.

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1. Comment. Exercises may have been held by the 8th Guards Mechanized Division reinforced by elements of the 65th Mortar Brigade of the 6th Artillery Division from Rathenow. The area of the exercise possibly extended from the billeting area of the division to the Riesa area. From there the troops returned to their stations by rail or truck.

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